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Restroom video recording allegations lead to Clark County nurse's suspension

OLYMPIA — The state Department of Health has immediately suspended Matthew A. Long, a licensed practical nurse in Clark County. Long is alleged to have made secret video recordings of people as they used a restroom at the facility where he worked.

This action, called a summary suspension, means Long (LPN.LP.00059133) cannot practice or be employed as a nurse in Washington pending the outcome of a hearing.

Legal documents allege that in June 2010, Long taped his cellular phone underneath a sink in a private, lockable restroom at the Vancouver medical facility where he worked. Both employees and patients used the restroom. Long was charged in Clark County Superior Court with one count of voyeurism and one count of attempted voyeurism.

Long has 20 days to request a hearing. The charging documents are online; click "Provider Credential Search" on the [agency home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov) or call 360-236-4700.

Consumers who believe a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call the state Department of Health at 360-236-4700 to report their complaint. [A complaint form is also online](http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/Complaint.htm) (<http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/Complaint.htm>). Directions are listed for mailing, e-mailing, or faxing the form to the agency's Health Systems Quality Assurance division.

The Department of Health protects and promotes public health, safety, and welfare in Washington by regulating the competency and quality of health care providers. The agency establishes, monitors, and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency mechanisms, and discipline. Rules, policies, and procedures promote the delivery of quality health care to people in Washington.

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